

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Specht et al.

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For: MOPS AND MOP COMPONENTS

Art Unit: 1744

Examiner: Randall Chin

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS  
MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

12. A mop comprising:
- an elongate shaft having a mopping end and an operator end;
  - a channel body disposed at the mopping end of said shaft and comprising a first channel body leg and a second channel body leg defining a channel therebetween;
  - an elongate mop element support having a first wing, a second wing, and a link therebetween, said link being hingedly secured along its length to said first wing and to said second wing, said link having a hinge axis across its width corresponding to the width of said channel, said support being mounted for rotation about said axis within said channel;
  - a flexible, compressible, liquid absorbent mop element overlying said support and having ends secured to first and second wings respectively; and
  - a tension rod generally aligned with said shaft, [passing between said legs] and pivotally secured to a position on said link displace from said hinge axis,
- whereby the application of tension in said rod relative to said shaft rotates said link about said hinge axis to rotate said wings relative to said legs and relative to said link whereby said wings are closed together to a compressed position between said legs.